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LB 747

PRESIDENT: All right, we will proceed then with agenda item #7, or 6, excuse me, Consent Calendar, and all of you have the yellow Consent Calendar sheets provided by the Speaker with the instructions that if the debate lasts, this is the manner in which the Consent Calendar has always been handled, if the debate goes beyond fifteen minutes and the introducer is not closing, the bill will be moved from the Consent Calendar and we will move on to the next bill. So we have a fifteen minute limitation. We will commence then with LB 747, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 747 was introduced by the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee and signed by the members thereof. (Read title to LB 747.) The bill was read on January 14, 1980. It was referred to the Appropriations Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments pending, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely. Being no amendments we will proceed then with the bill.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I approached the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee and had them introduce this bill as a result of an interim study, LR 83, which was conducted on my behalf. We looked into the question of public papers and found that there was a need for clarification. This bill is a technical amendment to the Records Management Act. It was supported by a number of individuals, including Secretary of State, Allen Beerman, James Potter as the State Archivist, Bill Ptacek, who is the Director of the Records Management Act Division, and we feel that there is very good support for this legislation. It is technical. Basically what we are trying to do is to indicate that the public official papers of the Governor and other constitutional officers are, indeed, public property and upon leaving office they have to be filed with the state archives and kept for posterity. This is a technical change and there should not be much problem with this legislation I would hope.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Senator Wesely, could you go in and explain this bill in a little more detail? That is, I am a State Senator, which of my records are now public records?

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Johnson, the State Senators have always been exempted from the Records Management Act. You are still exempted. The only thing that this bill does is